## INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: J.C. Motter/S.C. Simmons House Survey Number: F:\$\frac{1}{2} - 144
Project: <u>I-270/US 15 Multimodal Study, Montgomery and Frederick Co.</u> Agency: <u>SHA</u>
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date
Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended <u>\$\frac{1}{2}\$</u>
Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)
The J.C. Motter/S.C. Simmons House is located at 1929 Reichs Ford Road, on the east side of the B&O Railroad tracks, north of the Monocacy Battlefield and south of Frederick in Frederick County, MD. The property, which consists of a large brick dwelling, a tenant house, several agricultural buildings and domestic outbuildings, is considered eligible for listing on the National Register under Criteria A and C (and possibly B).
The main house on the property is an imposing two-story, five-bay, L-shaped brick dwelling erected in 1811. The house sits upon a stone foundation, has walls laid in Flemish bond and is covered with a gable roof with interior brick end chimneys. The facade is divided into five bays with a central entry flaked by 6/6 windows. The central entry features a Federal/Greek Revival-style surround. The rear ell is two stories tall with a double-story gleeping porch (the porch on the rear of the main block is no longer intact). Though not in istine condition, the house stands as an excellent example of a substantial Federal-era armhouse and thus meets Criterion C.
In addition to the main residence, the property includes a ca. 1860s frame tenant house and several 20th-century agricultural buildings. Although no agricultural buildings survive from the property's period of significance, the collection of farm buildings contributes to the historic understanding and sense of the property. The property is a significant local example of an early 19th century farm complex, located near the Monocacy River (important early transportation route) and qualifies for listing under Criterion A.
The property may also be associated with Judge John Columbus Motter, recorded as having purchased a "most attractive" property on the outskirts of Frederick. John Columbus Motter was a member of a prominent Frederick County family, which emigrated to this country from Germany in 1751, settling initially in York County, PA.
The proposed National Register boundaries should include the main dwelling, the agricultural buildings and the surviving acreage, including cultivated fields and forests, which was were historically associated with the property. The land contributes to the property's historic significance as a mid-19th-century farm complex and is essential to its inclusion under Criterion A.
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Inventory Files
Prepared by: Alice Crampton, Parsons Engineering Science, Inc. MHT form (1995); Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, DOE (1996).
Kimberly Prothro Williams  Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services  September 26 1996  Date
program concurrence: yes no not applicable  the first

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I.	Geographic Region:			
	Eastern Shore Western Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil) (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,		
<u> </u>	Piedmont	Prince George's and St. Mary's) (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)		
	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)		
II.	Chronological/Developmental Periods:			
	Paleo-Indian Early Archaic Middle Archaic Late Archaic Early Woodland Middle Woodland Late Woodland/Archaic Contact and Settlement Rural Agrarian Intensification Agricultural-Industrial Transi Industrial/Urban Dominance Modern Period Unknown Period ( prehisto	tion A.D. 1815-1870 A.D. 1870-1930 A.D. 1930-Present		
III.	Prehistoric Period Themes:	IV. Historic Period Themes:		
-	Subsistence Settlement  Political Demographic Religion Technology Environmental Adaptation	X Agriculture X Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning Economic (Commercial and Industrial) Government/Law Military Religion Social/Educational/Cultural Transportation		
v. R	esource Type:			
	Category: <u>Building</u>			
	Historic Environment: Rural_			
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): <u>Domestic/Single Dwelling</u>				
	Known Design Source:			

#### FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

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J. C. Motter/S. C. Simmons House 1929 Reichs Ford Road Frederick vicinity Frederick County, MD

#### **HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

#### **Chronological/Development Periods:**

Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815

Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

#### Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Agriculture

Architecture

#### **Resource Type:**

Category: building(s)

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): private residences and agricultural outbuildings

Known Design Source: none

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form



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DOE \_yes \_no

1. Nam	e (indicate pr	eferred name)		
historic	J.C. Motter/S.C. S	immons House		
and/or common				
2. Loca	ation			
street & number	· 1929 Reichs Ford	l Road		_ not for publication
city, town	Frede	erick <u>x</u> vicinity of	congressional district	
state Mary	land	county F	rederick	
3. Clas	sification			
Category  district X building(s) structure site object	Ownership public X private both Public Acquisition in process being considered not applicable	Status  X occupied  unoccupied  work in progress  Accessible  yes: restricted  yes: unrestricted X no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park x private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Own	er of Prope	rty (give names and	l mailing addresses	of <u>all</u> owners)
name Mr.	& Mrs. Smith			
street & number	1929 Reichs Ford	d Road	telephone no	.:
city, town Fre	ederick	state a	and zip code MD	
5. Loca	ation of Leg	al Descriptio	n	
courthouse, regi	stry of deeds, etc. Fred	erick County Courthou	ıse	liber
street & number				folio
city, town	Frederick		state	Maryland
6. Repi	resentation	in Existing	Historical Surve	eys
title	None			
date			federal state	county local
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city, town			state	

### 7. Description

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The J.C. Motter/S.C. Simmons property is located in Frederick County off Reichs Ford Road southeast of the city of Frederick. The property is reached by means of a long gravel drive bordering the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks. Located on the property are a brick main house, a wood-framed farmhouse, a wooden barn, four concrete block outbuildings, and several wooden sheds. The main house is situated in the center of the property, with the sheds, barn, farmhouse, and concrete block outbuildings spread out around it in a circular orientation along a driveway around the main house.

The manor house is a two-story, L-shaped with side gable, Georgian-style structure that dates from ca. 1811 (Mrs. Bev Smith, personal communication, September 1995). The house is constructed of brick on a stone foundation with a metal standing-seam roof and paired brick end chimneys. A dentilated cornice surrounds the house. The building is five bays wide and six bays deep. Windows are wood-framed, six over six. Jack arches top each window opening. Ghosts of their former shutters appear on each side of the window openings. The front entrance seems to have been altered from the original. The current entryway appears to be a modern Greek Revival entry with a simple entablature and two simple Doric columns. A three light transom and recessed sidelights, which are more typical of Greek Revival than or Georgian styling, surround the door. There is a ghost of a larger pedimented entry three bays wide remaining. The main entry to the house is located on the east facade, facing the Monocacy River. A second, less elaborate, entry is located on the south facade, facing the driveway. That door also has a three-light transom with no sidelights. In the inside corner of the L is a two-story porch, open on the secon floor, screened on the first, with a pent roof. There are two, side-by-side doors on the second floor of the proch, each with a three-light transom. A single gabled dormer is located on the rear. A one-story, shed-roofed, single-room addition is attached to the west elevation.

Beside the main house is a wooden building sheathed in vertical boards. It is a front gable, single-story structure, currently used as a garage. The roof is clad in corrugated metal.

Circling the house, on the northwest are a modern cinderblock barn, a two-story imitation stone block outbuilding with a gable roof behind a corbel-step parapet. The building appears to date from the late-nineteenth or early-twentieth century. The roof is clad in standing-seam metal. Two gable dormers are set into each side of the roof. Centered in the parapet on the second story is a door with six lights paced three over three. The first floor gable end has a center wooden sliding door that is flanked on one side by two windows, each containing six lights, placed three by three; on the other side of the sliding door are a similar window and a door on the end. Immediately next to the two-story imitation stone building is another, smaller, single-story building constructed of imitation stone with a gable roof behind a corbel step parapet. It appears to have been constructed at the same time as its neighbor.

Continuing around the circle is a wooden barn with vertical siding. The roof is clad in corrugated metal. Farther along is a wooden shed, clad in vertical boards, on a concrete block foundation. To the rear of the main house stands a more modest clapboard farmhouse, which appears to date from ca. 1860s. The house was originally a two-story structure with a cross-gable, three bays wide. It has since had an addition, two bays wide, on the upright end of the L. The original house has interior paired brick chimneys and a Gree

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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The J.C. Motter/S.C. Simmons House has been evaluated for its significance under National Register of Historic Places Cirteria A, B, C, and D. This evaluation was made according to the Maryland Historical Trust's Statewide Historic Contexts.

The J.C. Motter/S.C. Simmons House, located in the Piedmont section of the state, is potentially eligible for listing in the National Register under National Register Criteria A and C. The main house, farmhouse, and their outbuildings retain much of their integrity of location, setting design, materials, feeling, workmanship, and association despite such alterations as the removal of the front entryway of the house and the addition to the f mhouse.

Frederick County, with its gently rolling terrain and fertile fields, was well-suited to agriculture.

Settled largely by thrifty German farmers from Pennsylvania, wheat, rye, corn, oats, potatoes, and tobacco were the primary crops grown in the county. The Motter property was well-situated, near the Monocacy River, to take advantage of early transportation routes on the water. After the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was completed to Frederick in ca. 1831, the farm was in an even better position, in its location next to the railroad, to take advantage of that means of transportation to ship produce to market. Early to midnineteenth century was an era of intense efforts in Maryland to improve internal transportation routes. The Motter property, on fertile lands, close to Frederick, the Monocacy River and the B&O Railroad, could hardly fail to prosper.

Both houses represent excellent examples of nineteenth century rural architecture of Georgian and Greed Revival styles. L-shaped houses with two-story porches on the lee side, as is the main house, were a common building type in Frederick County; and Georgian-style remained popular in the county well into the nineteenth century (Forman 1968:59)

The property may also be significant under National Register Criterion B for its association with Judge John Columbus Motter. He is recorded as having purchased a "most attractive" property on the outskirts of Frederick, which may have been this estate (Williams and McKinsey 1967:815-817). Further research would determine whether, in fact, it was. John Columbus Motter was a member of a prominent Frederick County family, which emigrated to this country from Germany in 1751, settling initially in York County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Jacob Motter, a tanner and one of Emmitsburg's leading businessmen. John Columbus Motter was born December 4, 1844. As a young man he studies law and was admitted the bar in 1868, quickly becoming one of its leading members. Four years later he was

#### 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. F-3-144

Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland. C. O. Titus & Co. Philadelphia, 1873. History of Frederick County, Maryland. by T. J. C. Williams and Folger McKinsey, Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, reprint of L. R. Titsworth & Co., 1910. Frederick County Directory, 1886. W. T. Delaphaine & Co. Frederick, Maryland.

10. G	eogra	ohical Data		
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11. F	orm Pr	epared By		
name/title	Alice	Crampton, Senior H	İstorian	-
organization	Parsons :	Engineering Science	e, Inc.	date September 28, 1995
street & numb	per 10521	Rosehaven St.		telephone 703-218-1093
city or town	Fairfax			state Virginia

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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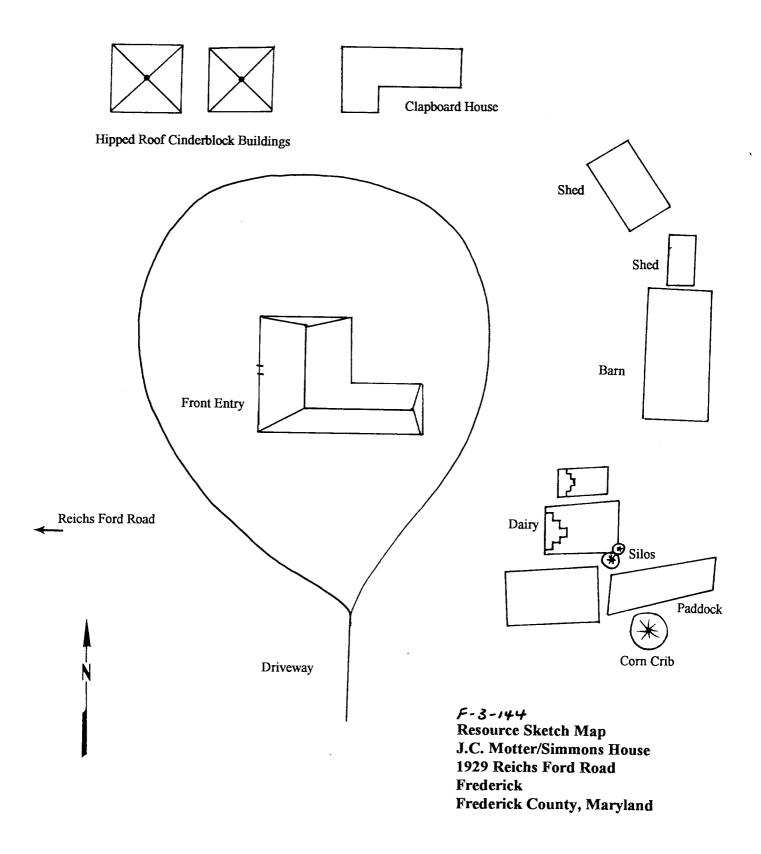
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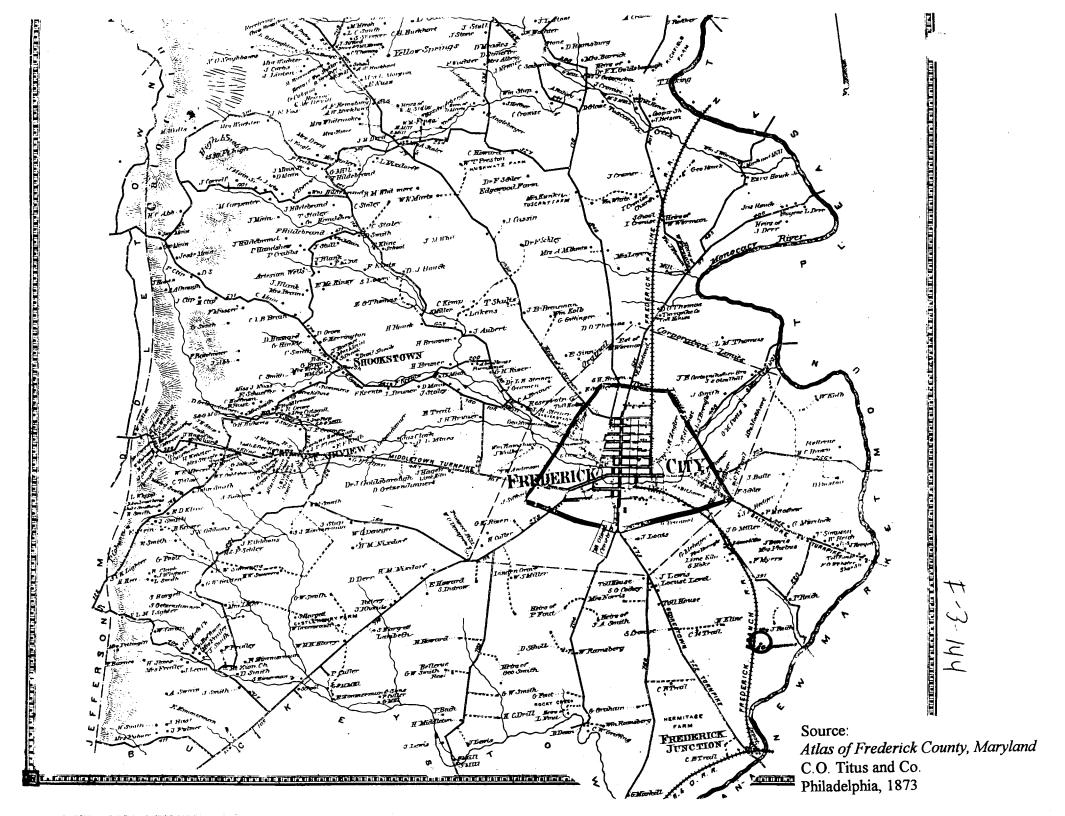
ival entry with pedimented portico. The addition has an exterior brick chimney. Windows throughout are two over two. The roof is clad in corrugated metal.

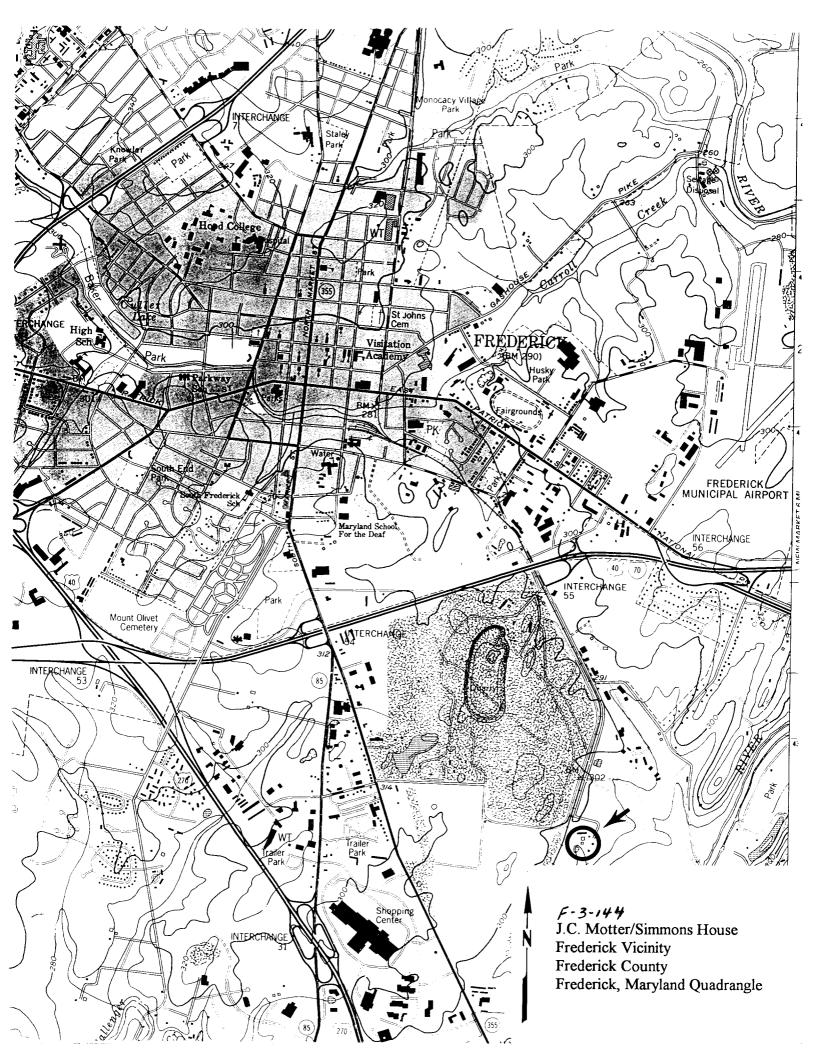
Next to the clapboard farmhouse are two square imitation stone concrete block buildings with hipped roofs. The roof of one of the buildings is clad in standing-seam metal; the other is clad in corrugated metal. Windows originally were six over six. Many are currently broken out and covered with plywood. Each building has a central brick chimney. They appear to date from the late nineteenth-or early-twentieth century.

#### 8. SIGNIFICANCE - (CONTINUED)

appointed counsel to the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County. In 1897, he was nominated by the Republican Party for the position of Associate Justice of the Sixth Judicial Circuit and won the election by a large majority. In addition to his judicial career, Judge Motter was president of the Emmitsburg Railroad Company, director of the Washington, Frederick and Gettysburg Railway Company, director of the Citizens' National Bank, trustee of the Masonic and Elks Building Association, and president of the Junior Fire Company.









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J.C. Motler Simmons House 1929 Reichs Fold Road Frederick County, Maryland R. Suffness MD State Highway Administration, Balt., MD West Elevation - Detail View of Front Entry 3/25

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F-3-144 J.C. Mother Simmons House 1929 Reichs Ford Road Frederick County, Maryland R Suffness MD State Highway Administration, Balt., MD View Southwest, Southeast Elevation 5/25



J.C. Motter/Simmons House 1929 Reichs Ford Road Frederick County, Maryland R. Suffness 1995 MD State Highway Administration, Balt, MD Southeast elevation of house 6/25



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J.C. Motter/Simmons House 1929 Reichs Ford Road Frederick Courty, Maryland R. Suffness MD State Highway Administration, Balt, MD Southeast Elevation of Garage 11/25



J.C. Motter Simmons House 1929 Reichs Ford Road Frederick County, Maryland R. Sollness View South from barn to Corn Crib and Paddack MD State Highway Administration, Balt, MD 12/25



J.C. Motter/Simmons House 1929 Reichs Ford Road Frederick County, Maryland R. Suffness MD State Highway Administration, Bult, MD View East from House-516 and Dairy 13/25



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J.C. Motter/Simmons House 1929 Reichs Ford Road Frederick County, Maryland R. Sulmess MD State Highway Administration, Bult, MD View East of House West Elevation of Barn 15/25

J.C. Motter Simmons House 1929 Reichs Ford Raid Frederick County, Maryland R. Suffness MO State Highway Administration, Balt. MD View East of House - West Elevation of Barn 16/25



F-3-144 J.C. Metter / Simmons House 1929 Ruchs Ford Road Frederick Courty, Manyland R. Suffness MD State Highway Administration, Balt, MD View Northeast from House, Northeast Elevation of shed 17/25



J.C. Motter Simmons House 1929 Reichs Ford Road Frederick County, Maryland R. Suffness MD State Highway Administration, Balt, MD View South From Motter House; North Elevation of Clappopard House 18 25



J.C. Noter House Simmons House 1929 Reuchs Ford Koad Frederick County Maryland R. Suffness 1995 MD State Highway Administration, Balt., MD Northwest view of North Elevation - Clapband House 19/25



F-3-144 J.C. Motter Simmons House 1929 Reichs Ford Road Frederick County, Maryland R. Suffness MD State Highway Administration, Balt, MO Northeast Elevation of Clapboard House with Hipped Roof Conderblock buildings 20/25



F-3-144 1.C. Motter Simmons House 1929 Reichs Ford Road Frederick County, Maryland R. Sullness Mo State Highway Administration, Balt, MD West Elevation of Clapboard House 21/25



F-3-144 J.C. Mother Simmons House 1929 Reichs Ford Road Frederick County, Maryland R- Suffness MO State Highway Administration, Balt, MD Northwest Elevation of Hipped Root Cinder block Building (One of Two - Closest to Clapboard house - due west) 22/25



J.C. Motter Simmons House 1929 Reichs Ford Road Frederick County, Maryland K. Suffness MD State Highway Administration, Balt, MD Northwest Elevation of Hipped Roof anderblack Building (Two of two - Furthest from Clay ward House - Que west) 23/25



J.C. Notler/Simmons House 1929 Reichs Ford Road Frederick Courty, Manyland MD State Highway Administration, Balt, ND View Southeast, West Elevation of Hipped Roof Cinderblock building #2 - furthest from Clapboard House. 24/25



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